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1. Area commands of the Czech Army have received notice that "B" class\* personnel will be required to participate in field maneuvers in the summer and fall of 1951. During this period they are to be replaced at their jobs by women and by male civilian personnel. In some garrisons civilian workers will be permanently assigned to administrative duties, thereby releasing "B" personnel for service with field units.

2. All medical and sanitation units have received the order to be prepared for total mobilization on minimum warning from headquarters.\*\*

3. Military garrisons at casernes in or near Milovice (051/G00), Motol (N51/L70), and the Ruzyně Airfield near Prague will participate in maneuvers centered in the Kynzavart Lazne (Bad Koenigswart) area from June to October 1951. On the basis of the number of medical and sanitation units and personnel ordered to the maneuver area, it is estimated that 70,000 troops will participate.

4. Czech quartermaster depots have been ordered to double their food reserves previously amounting to a one-month supply. Implementation of this order may be behind the present food shortage and consequent rationing program in Czechoslovakia.

5. A large airfield intended primarily for military use is under construction at Brezany, near Pilsen. A garrison of 1,000 military personnel including ground crew, airport control technicians, other specialist troops, and an unknown number of civilians are to be employed. Construction crews have been ordered to work at maximum speed.

6. Baraba, of the Czech nationalized building industry, has received orders to make preparations for the construction of a series of fortifications along the Austro-Czech border, beginning in the region south of the Vltava River. Baraba is preparing to send technical personnel and workers to the area.

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7. In late June 1951, a section on the Vltava side of the third floor in the Ministry of Industry headquarters at Prague was blocked off and construction of a security area was started. Several rooms have been cleared and renovated, and stairways and windows barred. The area is now occupied by Brane Hospodarstvy, the armament industry section of the Ministry. Special guards are assigned to this section, and admittance is by special pass only.
8. Almost all Ministry of Industry employees have been ordered to a two-week tour of summer duty in labor brigades assigned to various areas of Czechoslovakia. The Ministry has been greatly hampered by these removals of personnel.
9. Minister of Foreign Trade Antonin Gregor has informed employees of the Ministry that a new trade policy aimed at increasing trade with Western Europe is to be announced shortly.
10. Non-ferrous metals production is reported to be running at only 25 percent of the projected rate, with little prospect for increased production. This would indicate the failure of the Czech non-ferrous metals procurement program.
11. The livestock supply in Czechoslovakia has decreased appreciably because of a fodder shortage. Farmers are generally allotted only enough fodder to maintain 80 percent of the herd, and supplementary supplies are difficult to procure.

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\* Comment: The "B" classification indicates limited service personnel, those who are assigned to garrison or administrative duties because of age or physical condition.

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\*\* Comment: There is no indication that this is anything other than a routine instruction regarding the level of readiness to be maintained.

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